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SUBJ: RECENT HIGH LEVEL VISITORS TO QATAR

1. PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE SEEN FLOOD OF VISITS BY HIGH LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO QATAR. FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIES OF VISITS NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

2. VP OF MALI, AMADOU BABA DIARRA, WAS IN DOHA FEB 23-25 AT HEAD OF ECONOMIC DELEGATION. WE UNDERSTAND VISIT RESULTED IN \$2 MILLION GRANT TO MALI BY GOQ.

3. AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ERICH BIELKA-KARLTREU MADE OFFICIAL VISIT TO QATAR MAR 7-8 IN COURSE OF SWING THROUGH GULF STATES. HE WAS RECEIVED BY AMIR AND MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ BIN KHALIFA AL THANI AS WELL AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHAYKH SUHAYM BIN HAMA AL THANI. TALKS, WHICH PRESUMABLY INCLUDED DISCUSSION OF STATUS OF OPEC HEADQUARTERS IN VIENNA, WERE DESCRIBED AS "CORDIAL" BUT NO DETAILS WERE PROVIDED.

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4. CONGO-BRAZZAVILLE MINISTER OF MINES AND ENERGY ALPHONSE

BOUDO-NEZA WAS IN DOHA MAR 6-9 FOR TALKS WITH GOQ MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FINANCE AND PETROLEUM. ACCORDING PRESS,P PRIMARY PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO MAKE PREPARATIONS FOR TRIP TO GULF STATES BY PREMIER OF CONGO, LOUIS SYLVAIN GOMA. NO DATES FOR VISIT WERE GIVEN.

5. AHMAD IZZ AL DIN HASSAN HILAL, EGYPTIAN MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, ARRIVED DOHA MAR 8. HE WAS RECEIVED BY THE AMIR AND ALSO MET WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PETROLEUM. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HEAD OF EGYPTIAN PETROLEUM CORPORATION, MOHAMMAD RAMZI AL LATHI. PRESS REPORTS STATED THAT VISIT WAS PRELUDE TO MEETING OF GULF MINISTERS OF FINANCE IN SAUDI ARABIA AIMED AT ESTABLISHMENT OF A GULF STATES FUND TO AID INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN EGYPT. ACCORDING NEWSPAPER ACCOUNT, GOQ WILL ALSO SEND DELEGATION TO EGYPT TO STUDY POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION IN PETROLEUM FIELD, INCLUDING TECHNICAL EXCHANGES, TRAINING AND JOINT PARTICIPATION ON PETROLEUM RELATED PROJECTS.
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